

SENATE RESOLUTION 154
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bhavika Harivadan
Patel, 2004 Salutatorian of Kenwood High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Bhavika Patel is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class at Kenwood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Patel has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Patel has earned an exemplary 3.976 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, through her academic endeavors, Bhavika has earned numerous accolades including the Youth in Action Presidential Community Service Award, Outstanding Advanced English I Student Award, Outstanding Geometry Student Award, Maxima Romanae Award, Academic Award, Excel Award, and the All American Scholar Award; she has won 2nd Place in Algebra II in the Annual Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association contest and was on the 1st Place team at Western Kentucky University Math Contest. Bhavika was also selected as a participant in Girls' State; and

WHEREAS, an important and active part of her school, Bhavika holds membership in such laudable organizations as Student Government Association, which she serves as President; Business Professionals of America, which she serves as Chapter Treasurer and State Treasurer, and has served as Chapter Vice President and Secretary; Interact Club, which

she has served as Treasurer for two years; Junior Civitan Club, which she has served as Treasurer for two years; Youth in Action; MADD TN Youth Advisory Council; Math Club; Youth Leadership Clarksville; Junior Classical League; FLAGS; Medical Explorer's Program; Speech Team; Student Advisory Committee; and National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, as an astute member of the Business Professionals of America, Bhavika has placed in the top three in several competitions at Training Camps and at the Local, Regional, and State Conferences; she has also won the State Statesman Torch Award, Local Executive Torch Award, Regional Diplomat Torch Award, recognition as an Overall Outstanding BPA Member, and the Outstanding BPA/FBLA Secretary Award; and

WHEREAS, she was also selected as the Most Dedicated Interact Member, and received the Student Government Association Sophomore Leadership Award and Junior Leadership Award;

WHEREAS, displaying the utmost devotion to academics, Bhavika has twice been recognized for having perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, a talented and gifted athlete, Bhavika has participated in Volleyball; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the Volunteer spirit that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, Bhavika has served her local hospital as a Junior Volunteer and as a VolunTeen, and has volunteered with the Summer Reading Program at the Public Library and with the YMCA Club; and

WHEREAS, Miss Patel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Patel's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Bhavika Patel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Kenwood High School Salutatorian, Bhavika Harivadan Patel, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.